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Paper 1 Listening Foundation

Mark scheme

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Listening and Reading tests

General principles of marking

Non-verbal answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

Verbal answers (English or target language)

1. The basic principle of assessment is that students should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do; provided their written response communicates the required message without ambiguity, it will get the mark. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.

- (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
- (b) Where a student has given alternatives or additional information in an answer, the following criteria should be applied: – if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea/make it ambiguous, **accept** – if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
- (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
- (d) Where a question has more than one **section (eg (i) and (ii))**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. Eg, in Listening, information required to answer section (ii) might be given as part of the answer to section (i). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (ii), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place on the question paper.

2. In questions where students are asked to give for example a list of three items, only the first three items they write down should be considered for assessment purposes.

3. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt, look for the key idea.

4. Where a student has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be marked. When part of an answer is crossed out, then only what remains should be considered.

5. .../. means that these are acceptable alternative answers in the mark scheme. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks to be awarded.

6. In questions which are T/F/? or √/X/? in either Section A or Section B, a mix and match approach should be tolerated and credit given where it is clear and unambiguous (eg consistent use by the candidate). If candidates write 'True' instead of 'স' for সত্যি in Section B, this should also be credited despite the wrong language being used.

7. The following general principles should be applied in relation to answers in the target language in Section B:

- (a) Incorrect personal pronouns – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (b) Incorrect possessive adjectives – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (c) Wrong gender – accept (unless this causes ambiguity).
- (d) Infinitive – will normally communicate without ambiguity, so should be accepted.
- (e) Wrong tense – accept as long as student comprehension is not in question.
- (f) Minor spelling errors – accept as long as the answer is understandable with no ambiguity. In Section B, this means that even if the spelling error results in the creation of a word in another language, including English, then provided it is a recognisable attempt at a spelling in the target language, it will be credited.

Question	Accept	Mark
01	B (Italy)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
02	A (10 years ago)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.1	leather	leather, leather material	beautiful	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
03.2	glass	glass, glass material, glass table	tidy	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.1	C (Theme park)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.2	B (Spending time with friends.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
04.3	B (Have a picnic.)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
05	500	500, five hundred	50/fifty	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
06	river	river	farmed/pond/water	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
07	trimmed/cut	processed/prepared/cut/trimmed	sale	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.1	the e-sim is already (embedded) in the phone	sim already installed/does not need to insert sim/don't need to open the sim tray/phone	sim	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
08.2	having to contact/call the network provider if you get a new phone/change phone	changing the phone/contacting the provider is a hassle	new phone	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.1	eats the right amount of food	eats adequate amount/eats sensible/careful about eating/does not overeat/diet	eating a lot	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
09.2	he wakes up late	late to awaken (in the morning)	watch TV	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
10	Bengali songs	Bengali (song)/music	English	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
11	She feels happy	feels better/content/happy	entertaining	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
12	Too noisy	too noisy/noise/loud	concert	1

Question	Accept	Mark
13	D (Dipok)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
14	M (Mita)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
15	D (Dipok)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
16.1	Advantage: shorter working hours Disadvantage: low income	Advantage: shorter/fewer working hours/no long hour's work Disadvantage: low income/less money	Advantage: part-time Disadvantage: money	2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
16.2	Advantage: more/higher income/better lifestyle Disadvantage: busy with work	Advantage: relaxing/comforting life/more income/higher income Disadvantage: busy life with work/workload	Advantage: life Disadvantage: free	2

Question	Accept	Mark
17.1	B (Playing video games.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
17.2	C (They want to keep up with their friends.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
17.3	C (Their social lives.)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.1	A (Science fiction)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.2	C (Comedy)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.3	D (Tragedy)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
19	Past: walking Future: heavy exercise	Past: walking/go for a walk Future: heavy exercise	Past: exercising/overweight/jogging Future: weight decrease/walking/jogging/exercise	2

Question	Accept	Mark
20	<p>A, B, D, F (in any order)</p> <p>A (তার কোনো কোনো টিচার রাগী।)</p> <p>B (সে টিচারকে প্রশ্ন করতে ভয় পায়।)</p> <p>D (সে হোমওয়ার্ক করতে পছন্দ করে।)</p> <p>F (তার ভাই-বোন তাকে সাহায্য করে।)</p>	4

Question	Accept	Mark
21.1	B (মেলায় সকলেই পিঠা কেনেন।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
21.2	D (মেলায় কেউ কেউ পোশাক কেনেন।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22.1	C (বিয়ের পরেও চালিয়ে নেওয়া যায়।)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
22.2	B (খুব অল্প বয়সে।)	1

Total marks = 40